

Idomeneo King of Crete took part in the Trojan war, & was a long while away from his dominions. He sends a lot of Trojan prisoners to Crete among them the daughter of Priam. In his absence his son Idamante falls in love with Ilia. When Idomeneo comes home he is nearly wrecked just on arriving, & like Jephthah he vows to sacrifice to Poseidon the first living thing he meets on shore - & that turns out to be his own son Idamante. He does not dare to tell him; he tried to get out of it by sending Electra, Clytemnestra's daughter back to Argos in Idamante's care. Electra falls in love with him. Fine [?] opportunities for jealousy.

Another storm & a sea monster turns up. A High Priest demands the fulfilment of the Kings vow. The King confesses his concealment ~~of his vow~~ & prepares to sacrifice Idamante. Ilia offers to be sacrificed in his stead. Then Idamante slays the monster. And to clean it all up an Oracle proclaims that Idomeneo is to abdicate Idamante with Ilia as his spouse is to reign in his stead.

Opportunities Jealousy of Electra

Despair of the Cretans. Demand of the high priest
that Idomeneo's vow shall be accomplished.

Stupefaction of the populace. Idamante's
submission

The report of his having slain the dragon the Oracle &
the grand jubilation